(d) and (e) Presently, there is no provision available under Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 to check under-reporting of subscribers. Govt. has introduced the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2002 in Parliament with a view to mandating an addressable system for pay channel viewing, through cable networks. The system when mandated is sxpected to bring about transparency in the figures of viewership and will allow the consumer to choose and pay for the channel(s) they wish to watch.

Irregularities in dealings of Doordarshan

†1279. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has mentioned about severe irregularities in the dealings of Doordarshan in its report for the finanacial year ending March, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the irregularities and financial loss incurred by the Institution as a result thereof; and

(c) the names of the officers responsible for these irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) in its Report for the year ended March 2000. Union Government (Civil) (Transaction Audit Observation-No. 2 of 2001) has pointed out certain irregularities in the commercial transactions of Doordarshan. The Report of the C&AG has been tabled in the House and details of the Report are available on the website of C&AG. The Public Accounts Committee has also taken up the above Para of the C&AG Report for detailed examination. Appropriate action, as per laid down procedure will be taken against officers found guilty.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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